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INTRODUCTION OF THE I LOVE NEW YORK TAX DEDUCTION ACT

(Mrs. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I am thankful that 109 of my colleagues came to New York to view the devastation at Ground Zero. But the severe impact on New York City's economy is harder to see. Restaurants are empty, hotels are vacant, five Broadway shows have closed, and small businesses are suffering all over our State. Tourism is New York's second largest industry, and we need to bring people back to New York State.

Along with my bipartisan colleague, the gentleman from New York (Mr. REYNOLDS), and over 60 of my colleagues, including Senators SCHUMER and CLINTON, we have introduced the I Love New York Tax Relief Act. For the next year, it would allow individuals to deduct up to \$500, and families up to \$1,000, for spending money in New York City's restaurants, lodging, and entertainment outlets.

I urge my colleagues and the President to put our money where our heart is and give Americans another way to say, "I love New York."

SALUTING SOUTH FLORIDA BLOOD BANK AND LOCAL CHAPTERS OF AMERICAN RED CROSS, AND URGING CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR THEIR EFFORTS

(Mr. FOLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I want to take a moment to salute several organizations in my community, one particularly, the South Florida Blood Bank, and the local chapters of the American Red Cross and United Way of Palm Beach County for their outstanding contributions during these difficult past 3 weeks.

Our communities came together to fight an evil, and we have won. In the case of the blood bank, a typical week yields about 500 pints. In the first week after the event, we were blessed with over 7,600 pints of life. United Way and Red Cross had record contributions to assist in the effort in Washington and New York. I applaud them. I thank them. Their generosity speaks volumes about the great patriots who live in our country, particularly those I am proud to call constituents in my communities.

But I also ask my communities to now rally around those same local charities as they endeavor to continue

their efforts for local communities. We have been generous to New York and Washington. We cannot forget those struggling at home, those that need our help. These charities need to go forward, now more than ever, to assist our localities.

I thank them more than ever; I appreciate that they are there for us in the time of need. I salute them.

CONGRESS SHOULD REVIEW OUR FOREIGN POLICY AND BORDER PROBLEMS

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, it is time to face the facts: we cannot secure our home with our doors unlocked. America's borders are wide open, wide open.

The truth is, America remains vulnerable to terrorism. Yet some in this Congress still expect policemen to defeat these terrorists. Beam me up. Police departments deal with domestic crime, not invasions. Terrorism will not stop until Congress secures our borders and Palestinians have a homeland.

All America understands that commonsense approach, and Congress should objectively review our foreign policy and our border problems.

RECOGNIZING BRAVE HEROES IN THE THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS, MEMBERS OF THE COLLIN COUNTY COLLEGE FIRE ACADEMY, AND FIREFIGHTERS EVERYWHERE

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize some brave heroes in the Third Congressional District of Texas. Last week, I visited the Collin County Fire Academy. There were about 100 firefighters there from all over the area: Plano, Richardson, Frisco, McKinney. Those guys are just great.

I went to visit them with the sole purpose of expressing my sincere appreciation for their dedication and efforts to protect the home front and for raising over \$36,000 for the New York Fire Department September 11 Fund.

September 11 is going to forever live in the hearts and minds of not just Americans but every single person who values freedom, peace, and security. The firefighters and those in training in Collin County recognize that. They make our neighborhood safer and our lives better. I am just sorry we had to have this devastating tragedy to thrust this heroic, selfless occupation into the spotlight.

Again, to all firefighters, please know that we appreciate all they are preparing to do or have done. I thank them, and God bless them all. God bless America.

URGING MEMBERS TO SUPPORT THE MILLER-MILLER AMENDMENT AND END AN OUTDATED, OUTDATED SUGAR PROGRAM

(Mr. DAVIS of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. In the farm bill, the sugar program is outmoded, outdated. It is costing us jobs. It is monopolistic. It boils right down to being corporate greed or welfare.

I know that proponents will say, But it helps farmers. Yes, I believe in helping family farms, but here is a program where 1 percent or just 17 farms collect 58 percent of the subsidy. If this is not a monopoly, then I do not know what is.

This is one reason why I support the Miller-Miller amendment. It does not eliminate the sugar program; but it does save jobs, protects the environment, and helps to keep manufacturing business at home.

Let us stop playing sugar daddy to a few monopolistic plantations. Support the Miller-Miller amendment.

AMERICA'S RESPONSE TO TERRORISM

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, this great and powerful Nation of ours is about to respond. We will respond mightily. We will respond, not just against the terrorists themselves, but against those who harbor and protect them.

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The Taliban of Afghanistan is at the very top of the list. As we prepare to deal with them, we have to remember the civilians of that country. We must be careful to minimize the impact on the innocent people of Afghanistan.

Mr. Speaker, I am a veteran. I know that sometimes innocent people die in war, but in the case of Afghanistan, perhaps more than any other, we will be at war with the terrorist organizations and with the government that aids and abets them, not with the people.

The people of Afghanistan are victims too. They have been brutalized by the Taliban, by the communists who were there before them. They have not known peace for decades. Millions have starved and become refugees. We will need to help those surrounding countries that will be impacted by the refugees. We need to communicate to the